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Interviews: <u>503 adults</u> Dates: <u>December 16, 1998</u>

> 48 Male 52 Female [109]

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The margin of error for 503 interviews is +4.5%

1. As you may know, the U.S. House of Representatives will be voting on the articles of impeachment against President Clinton and whether to send the matter to the U.S. Senate for trial. Do you favor or oppose the House of Representatives passing articles of impeachment and sending the matter to the Senate for trial?

	12/16/98	12/15/98	12/3-6/98	
Favor	40	43	36	[138]
Oppose	57	55	61	
Not sure	3	2	3	

2. As you may know, President Clinton today ordered military bombing strikes against Iraq. Do you approve or disapprove of President Clinton's decision to order military bombing strikes?

Approve of decision	75	[139]
Disapprove of decision	17	
Not sure	8	

3. Do you think that the House of Representatives should or should not postpone voting on articles of impeachment against President Clinton while the United States is engaged in military action against Iraq?

Should postpone voting on impeachment	61	[140]
Should not postpone voting on impeachment	33	
Not sure	6	

4. Do you think that President Clinton took military action against Iraq primarily because immediate action was warranted or primarily because he wants to put off impeachment proceedings?

Immediate action warranted	59	[141]
To put off impeachment proceedings	27	
Both of these (VOL)	5	
Neither of these (VOL)		
Not sure	8	

5.	President Clinton has admitted that he misled the American people about his relationship with Monica
	Lewinsky. Does the fact that he misled people about the Lewinsky situation make you less likely to believe
	him on his decision to bomb Iraq, or does this not affect your opinion on his decision?

Less likely to believe him	22	[142]
Does not affect opinion	75	
Not sure	3	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group:

18-24	10	45-49	9	[143-144]
25-29	7	50-54	11	
30-34	9	55-59	7	
35-39	11	60-64	6	
40-44	10	65 and over	18	
		Refused	2	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)?

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	19	Independent/lean Republican	6	[145]
Not very strong Democrat	12	Not very strong Republican	10	
Independent/lean Democrat	8	Strong Republican	15	
Strictly independent	21	Other	5	
		Not sure/nothing	4	

F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$20,000	12	[146]
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	16	
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000	21	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	23	
More than \$75,000	17	
Not sure/refused	11	

F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic	7	[147]
White	79	
Black	10	
Asian	1	
Other	2	
Not sure/refused	1	